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Caudills, Fites Home! Caudills and Fites deplane in Matamoros, Mex., across the border from Brownsville, Tex., where the missionary families entered the U. S. Left to right, Mrs. Caudill, Dr. Caudill, Fite, holding three-year-old Mark, and Margaret.



Emotional Atlanta Reception: David Fite rushes into arms of his mother. His father, the Rev. Clifton Fite of Waynesboro, Ga., is at left.



Caudills and Fites are seen at news conference in Atlanta airport. Mr. and Mrs. David Fite are seen at left with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill at right. They are seated opposite a group of newsmen who are interviewing them on their plans for the future.

Imprisoned Missionaries Arrive In U.S. From Cuba



BROTHERHOOD: James Fite, 12, who came out of Cuba last November, greets his three-year-old brother Mark at the Atlanta airport. The boys' grandmother, Mrs. Clifton Fite is at left and David Fite is shown in the background talking to Benjamin Valdez, a refugee whose father still is imprisoned in Cuba.

MATAMOROS, Mex. (BP)—Cheerful and composed, the Herbert Caudills and David Fites Friday stepped off a Mexican government airliner here and onto freedom ground.

The party of six, smiling and teary-eyed, groped in silence for words as they encountered a welcoming party, then Mrs. Caudill blurted out:

"This is a surprise."

David Fite, lean and tan from prison farm labor, said simply:

"We are grateful to be here and grateful to everyone who worked and prayed to make this possible."

But if the Matamoros arrival was silent emotional understatement, the Atlanta arrival some 30 hours later was an emotional explosion.

Relatives — including David Fite's parents — and a group of Cuban refugee friends pressed against television cameramen and newsmen and sang in Spanish what sounded like "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," a doxology for tearful reunions.

In the middle of the melee, 12-year-old James Fite, the Fites' eldest son who was sent out of Cuba earlier, stood with his arms around his brothers, John, 10 and Mark, 3, getting re-acquainted in their native tongue—Spanish.

Saddest of all, teenager Benjamin Valdez, a Cuban refugee living in Atlanta, stood sobbing as he tried to talk to David Fite, who had last seen Benjamin's father in prison eight weeks ago.

Caudill and his son-in-law Fite had been prisoners of the Cuban government since April 8, 1965, when they were arrested for and later convicted of illegal currency exchange.

Now Caudill, 65, and his wife Marjorie were arriving home to stay in the U.S. after nearly 40 years as missionaries in western Cuba.

"It's like leaving home," Caudill said.

Fite, 35, and his wife and two young sons were following the trail of their eldest son James, who left Cuba via Matamoros last November, a month before he knew his father was to be freed from an Havana prison.

At a news conference at the Atlanta airport on Saturday, Caudill was asked what he expected to do now. He smiled and demonstrated the surprisingly good humor under strain that

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Evangelistic Conference Closes With High Hour

The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference closed on a high spiritual note on Wednesday of last week when Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, the final speaker, urged everyone present to commit himself, before God, in his own heart, to let the Holy Spirit possess and use him.

It was an impressive service and typical of the high spiritual tone followed throughout the conference which began Monday night at Gulfshore Assembly.

"There was a sense of awareness of need in the conference this year," declared Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director.

Continuing, he said: "Yet the conference theme, 'Christ, The Only Hope,' seemed to be the triumphant conviction of those in attendance. This consciousness of need contributed to a depth of spirituality and dedication to the task before us that was most encouraging."

"There was an apparent realization on the part of program personnel and others in attendance of the need of individual preparation. The revival, if it is to come, must begin in the individual Christian, especially in the lives of leaders."

"The spirit of the meeting mounted from the first service to the last. Each speaker emphasized in one way or another the need of revival and the assurance that Christ is the only hope. The music program was one of the finest. It helped to create an atmosphere of praise and worship."

Total attendance was more than one thousand and was consistent throughout the five sessions of the conference.

Bible study at each session was led by Dr. Paul A. Meigs, director of evangelism for the Florida Baptist Convention.

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Clark Pinnock Resigns Post At New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Clark H. Pinnock, associate professor of theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here for the past four years, has resigned to become professor of systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill.

"The decision to leave New Orleans has been made entirely of my own volition, and not due to pressure from any quarter," said Pinnock in a written statement submitted for publication to the Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"My four years at New Orleans have been rich and fruitful beyond all expectation, and I want no one to suspect any undercurrent of disappointment or bitterness at my departure," Pinnock said.

Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman of New Orleans could not be reached to confirm that the resignation had been accepted, but he earlier had confirmed that Pinnock had resigned.

He asked, however, Baptist Press to delay release of the story because "it may not go through—he is in the process of reconsideration."

Eddleman said it was the third time Pinnock had tried to resign, but in each case he later reconsidered and felt it would not be the thing to do.

Pinnock, however, said in a telephone interview that he was not reconsidering this time, and that "as far as I am concerned the decision is final."

"They are trying to get me to reconsider, but I am not reconsidering, nor do I intend to," he said.

Announcement of Pinnock's resignation came only two weeks after announcement of the resignation of another theology professor at New Orleans, Robert Soileau, who resigned "under protest" over a conflict with the administration, over the academic climate at the school, and the theological direction of the school towards more conservatism, he said.

Soileau (pronounced "swallow"), also cited as factors in his resignation the failure to be promoted for seven years and a conflict with another faculty member "who has been promoted, pushed and rewarded for his attacks on professors, individuals, institutions and agencies of the entire (Southern Baptist) Convention."

Although he did not identify the professor in his written statement, he said in a telephone interview he was speaking of Pinnock.

In his statement of resignation, Pinnock did not mention the conflict with Soileau or other seminary professors. When asked if he wanted to answer the charges Soileau had made, he declined.

He said he tried to make his statement of resignation positive, and did not go into any of the negative aspects of his resignation.

When asked if there was any connection between his resignation and that of Soileau's, Pinnock said there was none at all.

Eddleman commended Pinnock saying he had resigned like a gentleman. When asked if there was any tension between Pinnock and the administration, Eddleman said he was "pleased with Pinnock all the way down the line. I've had no falling out with him."

Made Headlines

Pinnock made national headlines last June when he gave three addresses to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, in Houston, calling for "a new reformation within the church and urging Southern Baptists to forsake unbelieving modernism."

He said that Southern Baptists are drifting away from a Biblical, Christ-centered theology. The greatest crisis the church has ever had to face is the current attack on the existence of divine truth, he said in his address last June.

Pinnock has also been a frequent speaker at state-wide Baptist evangelistic conferences, and it was in some of these speeches that he made sweeping charges of liberalism at specific Southern Baptist agencies and institutions.

Editorials in several Baptist state papers urged Pinnock to be specific in his charges that the denomination is shot through with liberalism, or to take his charges to the boards of trustees elected by the convention to deal with such matters.

In his statement of resignation, Pinnock said that in his estimation, Trin-

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Dirksen Continues Push For A Prayer Amendment

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) will push again in the 91st Congress for the approval of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right of people, lawfully assembled, to engage in "nondenominational prayer" in public buildings.

Dirksen told a press conference that this is one of his first concerns in the new Congress. He said that he is seeking for early consideration of his proposal by the Senate.

The Dirksen prayer proposal is identical with the one he introduced in the 90th Congress.

Senate hearings were conducted in

1966 on a different prayer amendment by Sen. Dirksen. This first proposal was never acted upon by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The current proposed prayer amendment is now under active consideration by the subcommittee on constitutional amendments of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Sen. Birch Bayh (D. Ind.) is chairman of the subcommittee.

Currently, the subcommittee has scheduled hearings on proposals for reform in procedures for electing a President of the United States. Another priority item for the subcommittee is a proposal to lower the voting age.

After these two matters are considered, the subcommittee may schedule hearings on the Dirksen prayer amendment. Some word on this will be forthcoming probably in March.

The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, issued a special report on the revised Dirksen proposal in July 1967. Since the current version is identical, the observations of the Baptist staff continue to be pertinent, Carlson said.

"The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs remains convinced of the adequacy in law of the First Amendment to maintain free religion," the report said in 1967. "This view has not changed," Carlson said as he responded to the new effort for a prayer amendment.

The Dirksen prayer amendment says:

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

The earlier version which was abandoned by Dirksen sought to empower government to have certain authority in school prayers. It said:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit the authority administering any school, or public building supported, through the expenditure of public funds from providing for or permitting the voluntary participation by students or others in prayer."

The Baptist Joint Committee staff in its report on the new Dirksen amendment said that it could be viewed as "meaningless." It might be argued, the staff pointed out, that the proposal does nothing more than the First Amendment already guarantees.

Mercer U. Seeks U.S. Grants

MACON, Ga. (BP)—The Mercer University board of trustees in a February 7 meeting unanimously approved applying for federal grants to assist in constructing three buildings.

Applications for the grants include approximately \$182,000 (or one-half of the projected construction costs of a performing arts auditorium), approximately \$163,000 for an infirmary and \$225,000 to provide one-half the cost of building a physical educational facilities building.

President Rufus C. Harris, in seeking permission to apply for the grants, told the trustees that the requests "in no sense was meant to be flaunting" of the Georgia Baptist Convention which three times in recent years has voted against acceptance of federal grants for colleges under its sponsorship.

"In fact," Dr. Harris said, "this decision is made in the full realization that the Convention has done its duty in that it has expressed its views on the matter, and realized now that the trustees must do their duty and make their decision in the light of their legal and moral responsibility, and in the light of accreditation requirements."

The president pointed out to the trustees that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the body which accredits the university, revised in November, 1967, its Standard II.

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Series T. U. Clinics Set For State

A series of four Baptist Training Union Junior and Intermediate Union clinics will be held in the state Feb. 24-28, according to Kermit S. King, director of the Training Union Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

The two visiting program personalities will be Dr. Bob Taylor, intermediate consultant, and Miss Margaret Sharp, Junior consultant, of the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Taylor is author of "A Church Training Intermediates and Intermediates in Training."

Miss Sharp is the author of "A Church Training Juniors and Juniors in Training."

All Junior and Intermediate Training Union workers, Training Union directors, pastors and other church staff members in the state are urged to attend the clinic most convenient.

Norman Rodgers, associate in the Training Union Department, will direct each meeting, which will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

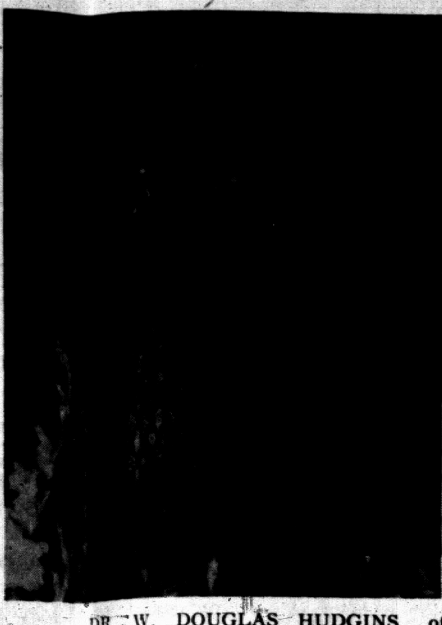
The schedule of meetings follows: Feb. 24—First Baptist Church, McComb; 25—First, Biloxi; 27—First, Hattiesburg; 28—Highland, Laurel.



Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of State Evangelism Conference held last week at Gulfshore, greets several program and State Convention leaders, from left: Dr. Sansing; Rev. Leroy Smith, Bozeman, Mont.; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, director Christian Action Commission; Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville; Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, president State Convention Board.



Music leaders at State Evangelistic Conference observe Vern Taylor, minister of music of First Church, Laurel, play the marimba. From left: Dan Hall, music director; Ed Sudduth, Indianola, organist; Mrs. Al Brodie, Jackson, pianist; A. L. Nelson, Jackson, organist; Mrs. Jarvis Rose Nichols and Clint Nichols, of New York, who rendered special music.



DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS, of Jackson, newly-elected Executive Secretary, made his first official appearance before a Mississippi Baptist meeting at the conference.



REV. HENRY EARL PEACOCK, missionary to Brazil, speaker, (center), shows his Crusade of Americas pin to Rev. Bob Maddox, Pelahatchie, (right) and Rev. Billy Green, New Hebron.

The Evangelistic Conference

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Speakers were Dr. Paschall; Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Henry Earl Peacock, missionary to Brazil and general coordinator of the Crusade; Rev. Leroy Smith, superintendent of missions for the Montana Baptist Fellowship; Rev. Lucius B. Marion, pastor of Clarksdale Baptist Church and Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

The Singing Churchmen, composed mostly of ministers of music in churches throughout the state, sang Tuesday evening under direction of Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Convention Board.

Dr. Sansing said that those who wanted copies of the proceedings of the conference should contact: Jobe Miller, Miller Print Shop, P. O. Box 522, Winona, Miss.

Imprisoned Missionaries Arrive

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marked each of them:

"I believe we'll start a second honeymoon," he replied. "And I hope the next 38 years will be as happy as the first."

Both men, in response to questions about how they were treated in prison, said: "We were not discriminated against."

Fite told reporters his release from prison on Dec. 16 was an "unexpected surprise" and a "humanitarian act of mercy." Margaret had visited him on Saturday, Dec. 14, and told him that she had received word his liberty papers had been signed and that he would be allowed to come home before Christmas.

Released Later

He was released two mornings later and surprised his family by arriving home on a public bus.

The youngest boy, three-year-old Mark, responded by running and shouting to neighbors: "My Daddy's home, my Daddy's home."

Caudill, who had been out of prison on conditional liberty two years due to eye ailments, apparently could have applied two years ago to leave the country.

"We did not want to leave Margaret and the children alone with David in prison," he said.

Late in the fall of 1968, when it became evident that Mrs. Caudill also was developing serious eye trouble that threatened her sight, it became increasingly important for the Caudills to leave.

Mrs. Caudill, however, told her daughter: "I would rather go blind than leave you alone now."

When Fite was released, the entire family — the Caudills and the Fites — made application to leave the country as a family unit and gained approval to fly out on the monthly Mexican government refugee flights to Matamoros, across the Rio Grande River from Brownsville, Tex.

"The way these things all came together, we believe God's hand was in it," Fite said. "This was the answer to thousands of prayers. Daily we felt new strength and saw insurmountable problems overcome."

Both the Caudills and the Fites said there had been a steady flow of friends visiting them in Havana since it became known they were leaving.

Baptist Work Continues

Caudill said the Baptist work has continued all along. "It hasn't grown outward much," he said, "but it has deepened."

He said there still are about 90 churches and 7-8,000 Baptists in western Cuba, where Southern Baptist work began some 80 years ago. More than half of the Cuban pastors who had been arrested also are free now, Caudill said, and many are preaching.

Caudill, at the time of his arrest nearly four years ago, was superintendent of Baptist work in western Cuba and president of the Baptist seminary in Havana.

Fite, who had been in Cuba six years, was pastor of the Buena Vista Baptist Church in Havana, a congregation of English-speaking West Indians, and was teaching New Testament and Greek in the seminary.

Mrs. Caudill had continued teaching in the seminary until they left Cuba. Asked what she had done to keep busy, Mrs. Fite replied:

"I've been keeping house and tending jabs (cloth) sacks for hauling groceries, etc."

Allowed To Visit Husbands

The women had been allowed to visit their husbands on varying schedules, depending on where they were, usually working out to be once a month.

Caudill spent most of his confinement in the La Cabana Fortress, across the bay from Havana. Fite, however, was moved several times and for nearly two years has been a working prisoner on prison farms.

Caudill and Fite, both under appointment of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will be given time to reorient themselves and decide what they want to do next. Caudill, at 65, is of retirement age, but the Home Mission Board will continue his salary through the end of 1969.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary - treasurer of the Home Mission Board, and L. D. Wood of the language missions department were on hand to greet the missionaries in Matamoros, and then to escort them to Atlanta after spending the night in Brownsville, Tex.

"Both couples will be given time for rest and reorientation," Wood said.

Rutledge commented: "The reports we have heard indicate that these missionaries have conducted themselves courageously and faithfully and we are pleased with what they have done. They are leaving many devoted Christians behind among the Baptists of Cuba and it is our hope and prayer that they will continue to bear their witness."

Caudill, a native of Clinchport, Va., is a graduate of Mercer University (Baptist) in Macon, Ga., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Fite, a native of Fort Worth, is also a graduate of Mercer and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

The Caudills tentatively plan to live in Atlanta. The Fites, who are moving into a home provided by the Avondale Baptist Church in the Atlanta area, will remain in Atlanta until deciding on their next assignment.



J. B. Betts, of Indianola, song leader for the State Evangelistic Conference is seen in action at one of the sessions.

Mercer U. Seeks - - -

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which provided that policy decisions must be left to the trustees.

"While trustees may and should listen widely to advice and consider it fully, they must make the policy decisions of the college," Dr. Harris said. "This means precisely that the denomination can offer advice or express its wishes or preferences on all matters involving the colleges. But it also means that such sponsoring bodies must realize that the ultimate and operating decisions must be left to the trustees."

Pointing out that Mercer faces a critical financial need, as do many private colleges, Dr. Harris said that the university has lost more than one million dollars by refusing federal funds in the past five or six years.

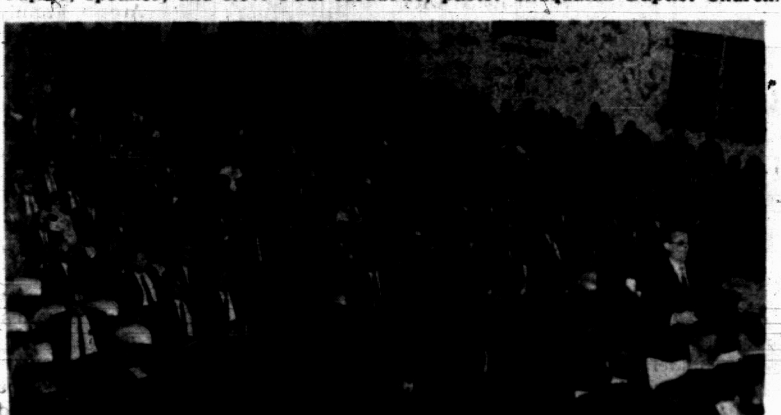
"Added to such a total were possible grants unavailable to use by national educational foundations because we declined to use federal funds, plus other private gifts withheld by citizens who expressed their disturbance over our denial of government money," Dr. Harris said.

A Mercer spokesman said the deadline for applying for federal grants is Feb. 15 and indicated applications would be processed immediately.

The Cooperative Program is best for a church collectively, and for the members individually. It challenges a church to give increasing percentages of budget receipts to world mission support. Unquestionably, the more a church gives to world-wide causes, the more it prospers at home.



AMONG THE MANY VISITORS to the tract room were, from left: Dr. C. E. Autrey, Atlanta, speaker; Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor Calvary Church, Tupelo, speaker, and Rev. Paul Meadows, pastor Shuqualak Baptist Church.



CONVENTION HALL at Gulfshore where the Evangelistic Conference was held, was well-filled for all the sessions.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ford To Share 'Hour Of Decision'

MINNEAPOLIS (EP)—On his January 12, 1969 broadcast Evangelist Billy Graham announced his associate, Leighton Ford, would be the speaker every other week on the "Hour of Decision" radio broadcast.

Added responsibilities and a physician's order to cut back his activities were cited by Billy Graham as his reasons for the reduced broadcasting schedule. Dr. Ford has been an associate evangelist with Dr. Graham for more than 12 years and serves as vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association here. In 1953 Leighton Ford married Graham's sister Jean. The Fords live in Charlotte, N. C. with their three children.

During 1968 Leighton Ford, who heads his own evangelistic team of seven men, has been guest speaker regularly on the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" following the death of its founder, Charles E. Fuller.

Chapel In Memory Of Missionary

The Chalybeate Springs (N.C.) Baptist Church dedicated its Loy Connell Smith Memorial Chapel on December 29. L. C. Smith, a medical doctor, had been a Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria for 10 years when he died May 16, 1968, in an automobile accident at the age of 43. Dr. Smith was on the staff of the Baptist hospital in Ogbomoso. The accident occurred between Lagos and Ogbomoso.

Poland Counts 4,000 Baptists

ZURICH, Switzerland (EP)—There are 120,000 Protestants in the predominantly Roman Catholic country of Poland, according to reports from the capital city of Warsaw.

The Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession, a Lutheran body, has more than 97,000 members. The remaining 23,000 Protestants are divided among a number of church groups, with Baptists numbering more than 4,000 members, according to European Baptist Press Service here. Baptists are fifth in line in membership strength among Protestants in Poland.

The population of Poland, a Communist country, is 32 million.

'Hardening' Feared In India's Policy

RAIPUR, India (RNS)—V. C. Shukla, national Minister of State for Home Affairs, said here that the government's policy on foreign missionaries is to replace them all with Indians.

The government is keeping a "strict watch" on missionary activities, he said, and any missionary found engaging in politics will be directed to leave India.

Observers said Mr. Shukla's statement probably conveys a "hardening" of the government's attitude toward foreign missionaries. While spelling out the policy, officials in the past have spoken only of a "progressive Indianization" of foreign Christian missions. It now appears that the government wants foreign missionaries to be replaced by Indians much more quickly.

Mr. Shukla also defended a law in Madhya Pradesh which virtually bars conversions to Christianity in that state.

Need For Literacy Work Emphasized

OAXTEPEC, Mexico (EP)—Mere distribution of the Scriptures is not enough, 100 church leaders and Bible society executives declare here. They said the church must engage in literacy work so that the masses can read the written Word.

The Regional Conference of the Americas, convened by the United Bible Societies, was the first hemispheric conference of Bible society leaders. Participants came from 25 countries in North, Central and South America.

Through Captivity

Faith In God Helped Crew Of Pueblo

WASHINGTON (BP)—Religion was an important factor in the lives of the members of the Pueblo crew during their captivity by North Korea, according to a report to the American churches by Rear Admiral James W. Kelly, a Southern Baptist and the Navy Chief of Chaplains.

Kelly summed up the religious experience of the Pueblo crew during the 11 months of their captivity: "Every effort to take away their faith in God only caused them to move in the direction of God. Every effort to subvert their faith only caused them to re-affirm it."

Commander Snyder, a Protestant chaplain, and Lieutenant Commander Hamilton, a Catholic chaplain, were part of the escort team which met the Pueblo crew upon their release at the base camp near Panmunjon on the day of their release. The chaplains stayed with the crew until they were admitted to the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego.

The chaplains reported to their chief that almost to a man the crew members "had moved in the direction of a deeper religious commitment, greater faith, and habitual prayer life," during this confinement.

It was not easy for the Pueblo crew members to be religious during their captivity, Kelly reported.

For one thing, prior to the captivity of the Pueblo efforts to have worship services had been given up, because never more than two showed up.

But the situation in captivity was described by one of the men, "all we had left was religion."

The North Koreans, however, it was reported, made it most difficult for men to practice their religion. They had no Bibles or religious materials. No worship services were permitted. They were reprimanded for thanking God for their food.

In spite of this the men worked up a list of the books of the Bible, managed to recall the words of the 23rd Psalm and to write it out, and to piece together the Ten Commandments.

According to the report, the men prayed openly before one another, although they had to avoid being seen in acts of worship by their captors.

The Pueblo crew reported that they were told, "The Russians shot God down with a rocket!" Missionaries and ministers were held up to scorn by the North Koreans. "The Pueblo men were told that every cross in Korea was an antenna for sending espionage messages," Kelly said.

In response to the desire for worship services following their release, both Protestant services and Catholic mass were conducted for the men on the day of their release. An Army Jewish Rabbi was made available for the two Jewish members of the Pueblo crew.

The following day a joint Protestant-Catholic Christmas Eve service was held for the crew. Every man attended.

The Navy chaplain chief reported that several of the men who had been indifferent to religion vowed that "it is going to be different now."

Crewman Says Faith Kept Him Sane

A crewman of the U. S. Intelligence ship Pueblo wrote his Southern Baptist pastor in Waycross, Ga., that faith in God "kept me alive and sane during those 11 long months" in a North Korean prison camp.

Wayne Anderson, 26 year old Pueblo crewman, made statements in a letter to John Beach, pastor of the Hebardville Baptist Church here.

Anderson wrote that he wanted to thank "you and the members of the church for all your prayers... and for the comfort and assistance you gave to Mother and Dad during this last year. I know the support you gave enabled them to bear the terrible strain and worry."

The young man said that the faith he learned in the Southern Baptist church here, and the knowledge that

God was with him kept him alive and sane.

"Many, many times in that awful prison, I sat with my eyes closed and imagined myself sitting in our church," he wrote. "I could hear your sermons and I could hear the congregation singing the hymns I loved so very much."

"No amount of Communist propaganda and lies could take those thoughts away from me," he wrote. "Thank you all for giving me those memories. They kept me whole."

Beach said that the church and the city of Waycross are planning a Wayne Anderson Day on his return home.

Beach said he was very active in the church before entering the service, serving in the church's Training Union, youth choir, and as general secretary of the church's Sunday School.

"He's an exceptional young man," Beach said. "He's a very deep thinker and a very spiritual person. I consider him one of the finest young men I've ever had the privilege of knowing. It was my privilege many years ago to baptize him as an intermediate boy," he added.

Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Anderson. His father is a retired railroad worker.

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PREPARATORY FESTIVAL

Each association is encouraged to conduct a Preparatory Festival any time prior to the State Festival. In the state calendar of activities, we suggested two possible dates, Saturday, February 15 and 22. However, Sunday afternoon of a week night might be preferable.

ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH-CHOIR

Each association is encouraged to bring an associational youth choir to the festival. This choir may also be judged.

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Thank God, But Keep On Praying

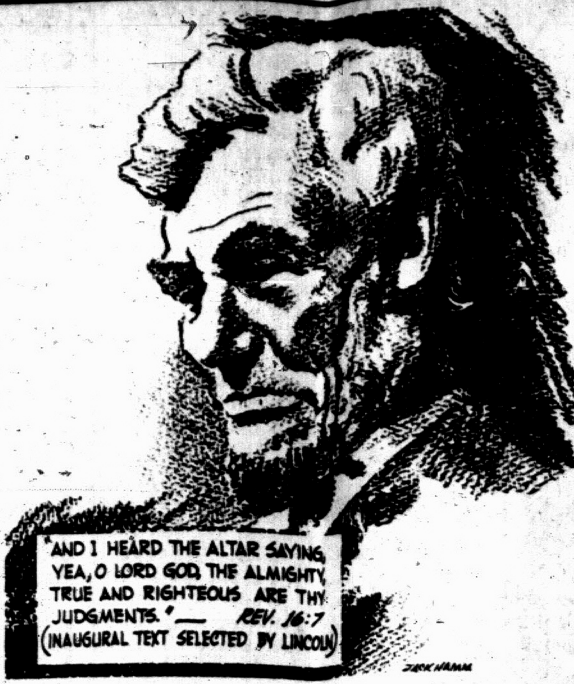
A front page story brings the good news that SBC missionaries, Dr. McCall and Dr. Fite, and their families, are safe home after the difficult period of imprisonment in Cuba. All of us breathe a sigh of thanksgiving, and lift our praise unto God.

Perhaps few Southern Baptist missionaries have had so many people praying for them, as have these men, so now it is most fitting that we express our gratitude to God for their release, and safe return to the United States.

At the same time we should continue to pray for those Cuban pastors who still remain in jail in that sad land. They too, need to be remembered continually, until they, also, are once more free to be with their families, and again able to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to their people.

Mission work and Christian witness continue to become more difficult in many areas of the world. The doors apparently gradually are closing for missionaries to enter India, and it is becoming more and more difficult even for the native Christians there to give a Christian witness. This is even more true in Communist controlled countries, where already almost all doors for Christian witness have closed.

However, there are other lands where the doors are wide open, but the task is immense and difficult. We need to pray continually for God to lead and bless all of our missionaries, our mission boards, and all of those giving a true, evangelical witness to Jesus Christ, anywhere in the world. Thank God, but keep on praying!



NEWEST BOOKS

THE NEW TIMES by Albert McClellan (Broadman, Readers Plan selection, 128 pp., \$1.50)

"With God's help man has made the tools that have changed the face of the earth. . . . What started out to be a tiny trickle of change, has now, in the twentieth century, emerged as a furious whirlpool of change that threatens the stability of the race. . . . The purpose of this book is to show some of these changes and their effect on future man and to show that in turn the changes have altered the processes of the Christian mission." Mr. McClellan is program planning secretary, Executive Committee, SBC.

WHEN HE CALLS ME by William Walter Warmath (Broadman, Readers' Plan selection, 127 pp., \$1.50)

Here's inspirational reading that presents some of the basic problems Christians confront as they try to live devoted, Christ-like lives. This devotional discussion includes: What should come first in our lives? What is involved in "taking up the cross"? What is the experience called repentance? What events can make us doubt God's love? Mr. Warmath, the author is vice-president of Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

THE TENT OF GOD, A JOURNEY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT by Marianne Radius (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 368 pp., \$5.95)

In this unique book for young readers Mrs. Radius presents the Old Testament counterpart of her recent life of Jesus, *God With Us*. She portrays the Old Testament as a journey—a journey all the way from the garden God planted to the manger where the Son of God was born. For, as she says, the Old Testament is not merely

a collection of interesting stories—it is the account of God's people traveling a carefully mapped route to a destination, both route and destination revealed by God himself. The earliest of the travelers lived in tents and in the center of their camps they could see the tent that they had built for God, the sign that He journeyed with His people.

SERMONS FOR THE JUNIOR CONGREGATION by George W. Bowman III (Baker, paperback, 115 pp., \$1.50)

Talks and object lessons slanted to the junior listener.

RELEASE FROM PHONINESS by Arnold Prater (Word, 123 pp., \$3.95)

"The mask, the facade—these are the symbols of our time," says Mr. Prater. "And real life cannot be achieved until one is willing to drop the mask and reveal himself—to himself and to others." The author asks some questions and gives some answers that he has found in his own quest. In contemporary, clean-cut language, he points the way "out of phoniness" to a satisfying life.

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

It is time for this nation to stop being romantic about education. Education is not a mode of salvation; it is an activity of high utility that places people in the production and consumption game and gives them a sufficiently common sense of the values of life so that they can live together in peace and with mutual respect. Ideally, students should not compete against each other in gaining knowledge and skills; they should instead be trying to overcome their own ignorance. Unfortunately, in these United States competition among students for grades and recognition is a greater motivation than the disembodied search for truth and knowledge.

Any educational strategy for helping the disadvantaged must begin with this recognition before it can even start to find workable solutions. Beyond this must come the recognition that school programs should only be constructed to give students the best possible chance in a dangerous and tough world. Without these recognitions schools are misused for political and all kinds of non-educational ends.—Dr. John R. Everett, president of the New School for Social Research, New York City, in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

Teen-ager, to a friend: "My father wants me to have all the things he never had when he was a boy—particularly a report card with all A's."

And It Wasn't There

During a recent interlude in my home city, I took my car out of storage and found that the rod or handle which operates the directional signal had broken off. Several days elapsed before my busy schedule permitted my taking the car to the repair shop to have the signal-operating rod replaced. Meanwhile, I had to resort to the ancient system of hand signals while driving. It's amazing how inconvenient that system is after years of the comfortable finger-tip directional signal!

From years of habit in reaching out to shift the directional signal arm, I find myself instinctively reaching forward at each signal time to grasp the signal rod. . . . but it wasn't there, and there was that awkward, foolish feeling with which many readers are probably familiar in this or similar experiences.

In the course of one such experience of finding the direction indicator missing, this related thought came to me: when conscience, the direction giver for character and conduct, is broken through constant abuse, it inevitably disappears as a guidance factor. Then, in a moment of crucial need for guidance, the individual reaches inward for the direction-giver. . . . and it isn't there!

From observations and from news stories in recent years, I have become aware of how completely the

"direction giver" has been crushed in many people. The head of a great business, found guilty of misappropriation of a large sum, contended, "My conscience is absolutely clear." Two young men, formerly very close to Christ in their personal living, ignored and crushed conscience for so long that they argued with me that their pre-marital sex looseness was not wrong, since the young women involved were consenting. Some high school and college students argue that there is no wrong in cheating if a majority in the class are doing it.

Almost two centuries ago, George Washington said, "Labor to keep alive in your heart that little spark of celestial fire, conscience." A lecturer of our day compares conscience to a computer: what comes out depends upon what has been fed into the computer. Enough feedings-in of neglect, defiance, abuse, and double-thinking will inevitably mean that what comes out when conscience is consulted is no longer "the still small voice of God." In short, the individual has reached for the direction-giver, and it isn't there: an imposter has taken its place.

Here's a benediction thought from Paul: "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man."

(Produced by special arrangement with Dr. Swor)

The "Crusade" Conference

Hundreds of pastors and laymen and women from all over the state journeyed to Gulfshore last week to attend the annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference. They went expectantly, hoping to have their hearts warmed, their faith strengthened, and their minds enlightened, as preparations are being made for the Crusade of the Americas. They were not disappointed, for Dr. Gordon Samsing, Evangelism Secretary, and those working with him, had prepared a great program, and from session to session the presence of the Lord was felt.

Emphasis of the meeting was on the Crusade, and the theme was the title of the Crusade song, "Christ Is The Only Hope." Messages emphasized the Lordship of Jesus Christ as the only hope of the world, the great need of sinful man, the importance of proclamation of the gospel, and the necessity for preparation for, and participation in, the Crusade.

Both the outstanding Southern Baptist evangelistic leaders from outside the state, and state men also, were at their best as they

presented their messages. Moreover, we never have heard finer music in a conference, than had been planned by Mr. Dan Hall, Secretary of the Music Department of the Convention Board. He had enlisted many people to participate, and hearts were lifted, stirred, and inspired by the varied musical program. There were several occasions when I think every preacher present would have liked to stand up to proclaim Christ after the wonderful preparation of the audience by the musicians.

Those who attended this meeting went back to their homes with a new burden of prayer, and a new concern, that all of our churches and people give their best to the Crusade of the Americas. Most of us who were there had the feeling that it never has been so important that the Americas have revival as right now, and that Southern Baptists and other Baptists have the greatest challenge and responsibility they ever have had.

Let every Mississippi Baptist join now in praying and working for the Crusade.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Repentance

From The Christian
And Christianity Today
(Great Britain)

One of the signs of our out-of-joint times is the liturgically orientated religious service with a well-developed technique for producing neurotic guilt. Worshipers are called upon to confess their guilt for racism, starvation in India, the war in Vietnam, riots in the streets, revolts on the campuses, underdevelopment in the poorer nations, and whatever else is wrong anywhere in the world. Some of this is nonsense.

To inculcate in Christians a sense of guilt for "sins" they haven't committed, and to hold them responsible for conditions they neither created nor presently approve, is not only ridiculous but also dangerous. It can lead to neurotic guilt, which is not real guilt, and this creates a genuine sickness. It tends to overwhelm the victim, who then loses sight of any real guilt he has; this confusion leads to frustration.

Furthermore, it keeps him repeating admissions of an unreal guilt without opening the way to adequate forgiveness and restoration to wholeness. Instead of being a genuine exercise of biblical repentance, this sort of mass confession appears to be a contrived routine that only debilitates the participants. But the

misuse of congregational confession of sin should not persuade us to omit what is a necessary part of the worship service.

True repentance has five aspects: (1) Change of mind. In the parable of the two sons (Matt. 21:28, 29), one son said he would not work in his father's vineyard. He later repented (changed his mind) and went to work. (2) Contrition or godly sorrow for sin. The psalmist says, "I am sorry for my sin" (Ps. 38:18). (3) Confession of sin. The prodigal son of Luke 15 went to his father and said, "I have sinned against heaven and before you." (4) Forsaking of sin. It is not enough to admit wrongdoing; the sinner must cease doing the wrong. Isaiah says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts" (55:7). (5) A turning to God. Paul records that the Lord told him men are to "turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:18).

Biblical repentance brings forgiveness, cleansing, and wholeness. The guilt is gone, and no further confession for that sin is needed. Through God's grace the forgiven one is enabled to go and sin no more. Forgiveness brings deliverance and freedom. This is the true function of repentance.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

"For the first time on record, not a single criminal was executed in the U. S. last year. The number of executions has sharply declined since 1930, when the Federal Government first began keeping track of them; in 1967, only two persons were executed. One major reason for the decline is growing public opposition to capital punishment, which has led some states to abolish it. More than 435 prisoners reside on death rows across the U. S. They received stays of execution last year either because of individual appeals or because the death penalty itself is under attack in the courts on constitutional grounds."

"Mary Whitehouse says she wants television in Britain to 'build character instead of destroying it.' As a result she has been called a crank, a puritan and a busybody. She has had to have police protection and she gets threatening phone calls. For the past six years this grey-haired, bespectacled woman has waged war on filth on television as co-founder of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. She claims the association represents 100,000 people. She said, 'I do it because I feel the vast majority of people are greatly concerned with the trends developing on television. Promiscuity, infidelity, and drinking are presented as normal and inevitable.' Mrs. Whitehouse was a senior teacher at a high school when the idea of a cleanup-television campaign first struck her. Mrs. Whitehouse has been married for 27 years. Her husband, Ernest, a copper-smith in a family business, supports her campaign wholeheartedly. When her own children were at school, television was banned from the house for three years. Although she was viewed as a crank by many when she announced her organization, her views are now at least considered, if not acted upon, by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Independent Television Authority (ITA)."

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

As we travel life's earthly road from Jerusalem to Jericho, may we be good Samaritans to all who need us, cheering, healing and fortifying them with true neighborliness, vitalizing all the relations of life with an unselfish love, remembering that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death. May we touch all life with the noble spirit of kindest sympathy dispensing good everywhere.—George W. Truett

Keep a fair-sized cemetery in your back yard in which to bury the faults of your friends.—Beecher

The seasons of the life to be we weave with colors all our own in the field of destiny we always reap as we have sown.—Whit-

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Billy Graham Inaugural Prayer

Dear Sir:

I appreciate your printing the prayer of Billy Graham in the Record, used at the inauguration services.

My 14-year-old son was disturbed when he saw Dr. Graham reading his prayer on television. He said "It was just like the rest of them!" Meaning he was not surprised at the other ministers reading prayers, but that was the first time he had seen a Baptist minister read a prayer. I have heard similar comments from other older Baptists.

After reading his prayer I noticed another thing about it that is most unusual for a Baptist minister to do and that is to pray without at least once mentioning the name of Jesus. Was it by accident or carelessness, or did Dr. Graham compromise by reading a censored prayer?

Yours Truly,
Kenneth K. Gowen, Jr.
Southaven, Mississippi

(It is probable that most men on an occasion as important as this, would want to make sure of every word, and would write his words out in advance. As to the name of Jesus, please note that Dr. Graham closed with one of the titles of Jesus—"in the name of the Prince of Peace who shed his blood on the Cross that men might have eternal life." It seemed to me that he really preached in his prayer. —Editor)

Iowa Missionary To Be In State

Dear Dr. Odle:

David Bunch of the Iowa Southern Baptist Association will be speaking at the First Baptist Church in Kosciusko on Sunday, March 9.

Brother Bunch left a good pastorate in Missouri to go to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and take over a mission there, which has since developed into a strong Southern Baptist church. Recently, he has accepted the position of Superintendent of Missions of the Iowa Southern Baptist Association.

David is intimately familiar with pi-

Four Kinds Of Bones In Church

WISH BONES—these spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.

JAW BONES—these do all the talking. . . . but nothing else.

KNUCKLE BONES—these knock everything and everybody. . . . and the things they try to do. BUT, they NEVER knock on a door to invite someone to church.

BACK BONES—these get under the load and carry all the others along. (Thank God for the backbones.) It takes a strong spinal column for a Christian to keep straight in this crooked world.

Just where do you fit into this anatomy? — Ashland Avenue Baptist.

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

February 17 — J. L. Clark, Clarke College faculty; Dorman Laird, Baptist student director, William Carey College.

February 18 — Jeanne Watson, activity director, Gilroy School of Nursing; R. H. Shaw, Mississippi College faculty.

February 19 — Hugh Smith, staff, Children's Village; Lester Janes, Kemper-Neshoba supt. of missions.

February 20 — Donald Winters, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Mrs. Mary Whitehead, dean of students, Blue Mountain College.

February 21 — Joe Abrams, Ralph Winters, Caldonia Sizer, Joe Warren, Baptist Building employees.

February 22 — Ann Burnside, Baptist Book Store; A. L. Boone, trustee, Baptist Foundation.

February 23 — Norman Gough, Baptist Record Advisory Committee; Carl Talbert, Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

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Carey To Hear Walcott

William Carey College will be honored February 24 through 28 with the presence of Hollywood star Gregory Walcott. The occasion will be Religious Emphasis Week.

Walcott, an outstanding Southern Baptist Christian lay man, is in the news at present because of his role in the new movie, "Bill Wallace of China."

Gregory Walcott enacts the title role of Bill Wallace — a true story about a Tennessee doctor who became a legend among people he served in south China. The 92 minute motion picture was based on an article in the March 12, 1961, issue of TIME MAGAZINE. Filming was on location in the ancient villages near Hong Kong. Douglass Green directed the wide-screen color motion picture.

Gregory Walcott, who also produced the Wallace movie, received international recognition when he starred in NBC's weekly TV series "87th Precinct."

The actor - producer has been under contract to both Warner Brothers Studio and Universal Studio. He was featured in major productions such as

"Battle Cry," "Mr. Roberts," "The Outsider," "Captain Newman M. D.," "Court Martial of Billy Mitchell" and others.

Walcott has guest-starred on many TV shows such as "Bonanza," "Rawhide," "Wagon Train," "Daniel Boone," "The Big Valley," "Perry Mason," and others.

He is a popular speaker in youth rallies, colleges, and civic clubs throughout the USA and Asia. In 1966 he travelled a quarter of a million miles. Georgetown College in Kentucky conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree on Walcott during the 1966 commencement.

Seelig And Fields Elected To Direct Baptist PR Group

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (BP) — For the first time, the Baptist Public Relations Association elected both a president and a president-elect, naming John Earl Seelig of Fort Worth and W. C. Fields of Nashville to the respective posts.

Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earlier had won seven awards in the organization's annual awards competition.

Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, is the current president of the Associated Church Press, and the immediate past president of the Religious Public Relations Council, both national and inter-denominational organizations.

Named membership vice president was James C. Austin of Louisville, head of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's fund campaign to endow the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism. Elected program vice president was Marjorie Saunders, public relations director for Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas.

SWOR PLANS TO REDUCE SCHEDULE

Dr. Chester Swor, who has engaged in lay-lecture work and counseling throughout the Southern Baptist Convention for almost thirty years, announces that, beginning with the summer of 1970, he will fill a reduced schedule of week-long appointments in order to make more time available for conventions, conferences, and retreats. Also, he plans to step up his writing tempo to make several more books available.

Dr. Swor's work has majored in the challenge of consistent Christian living and the increase of the individual's spiritual resources. He has filled appointments in churches, schools, and colleges throughout America and in several overseas missions. He makes his home at 902 Whitworth Street in Jackson, Mississippi.



Blue Mountain's New Director Of BSU

CHARLOTTE BRYANT, right, President of the Blue Mountain College Baptist Student Union Council for the current session, takes dictation of future plans for Blue Mountain's BSU, from the newly appointed Director of the Baptist Student Union activities, Rev. Robert Sugg, who graduated in January from New Orleans Seminary with two degrees—Master of Theology and Master of Religious Education. Mr. Sugg and his wife are now citizens of the community of Blue Mountain.

Dr. Hudgins Lost—

He Wrestled With God

By W. R. Roberts,
Annuity Secretary, Mississippi-S.B.C.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins knew better. After all, he is an Old Testament man. He knew well the story of Jacob and has preached some good sermons from this well-known story. He just forgot its teachings. According to Dr. Robert Hamblin, chairman of the committee of the Convention Board to nominate an executive secretary to the full Board, Dr. Hudgins was the first man that his committee felt led to and approached him at the first meeting. He turned the committee down — in a courteous way but flat. Trouble was he said one thing but was feeling God's hand on his shoulders and feeling another thing. Fact was, he left that committee room that first day all shook up and dashed into a friend's office in order to hide his emotions. He just wanted God to go away and let him alone. After all he was a pastor and has been for over 40 years. Who would want to change!

The committee chairman told the Board that his Committee went back a second time with no apparent success. What the committee didn't know was that God was tightening his grip on his servant a little more firmly each day.

Dr. Hamblin advised the Board that his committee went to Dr. Hudgins a third time during our recent Convention. From then until now, it had been a losing battle for Dr. Hudgins. He lost sleep, weight, and he had bags under his sharp eyes that looked like saddle blankets.

Dr. Hudgins realized peace of mind and soul only after he turned everything over to God whom he loves and serves so faithfully.

The final fleece that Dr. Hudgins put out was that his call would be unanimous. It was enthusiastically unanimous. When he appeared before the Board and was given the report by Dr. Levon Moore, the very distinguished pastor of First Church, Jackson, the eloquent and dynamic man of God was speechless for some five minutes. After a pause, he was his old self again. Doug lost as was to be expected. God won as He always does. Better luck next time Doug.

To Church At 5 A.M.?

By Jimmy Hudson, Missionary

In the United States 5:00 a.m. is a good time to pull up an extra blanket in winter or turn down the air conditioner in summer. In Korea 5:00 a.m. is time for Korean pastors to pull church bells that signal Christians to church for prayer.

Yes, 5:00 a.m. every day of the

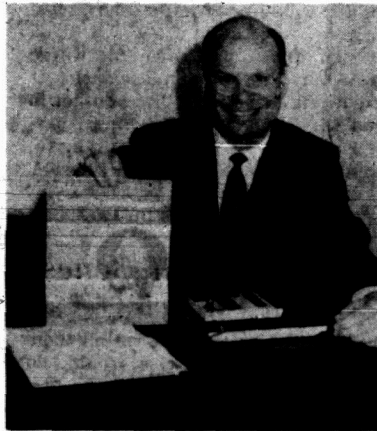
year! The severe winter cold cuts like a sharp icicle, but it doesn't stop the faithful Christians from sitting on cold church floors to pray. (Many Korean churches have no benches, and sometimes no heat.)

The Christians of Korea are few, but their religion is contagious. Pray that God will do great things in this country.



GREGORY WALCOTT, star of "Bill Wallace of China," will be on the William Carey College campus for the Annual Religious Emphasis Week February 24 through 28. Walcott, who both produced and performs in the movie, is shown above. "We are expecting an unusual week of blessings on our campus with the presence of this fine Christian lay man," commented Dorman Laird, Carey's director of religious activities.

Claude Townsend Establishes Foundation For Better Living



Do you want a better way of life? Do you want more living out of life? Do you want to be a better Christian?

If your answer to the above questions is "Yes," then Claude Townsend says he has a plan that will produce these results.

Mr. Townsend, immediate past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and for years an active layman in Mississippi Baptist life, has established the Townsend Foundation, Inc. and is now giving practically all of his time to its development.

The Foundation sponsors a complete program in Christian development, communication and motivation.

Mr. Townsend, who lives in Florence, is president of Townsend Piano Co. of Jackson.

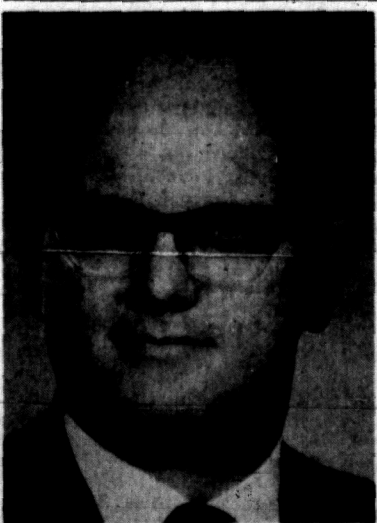
MR. TOWNSEND smiles when anyone asks him about the Foundation. Here he is displaying a folder and a cassette, which plays the cartridges carrying the lessons of the development program.

"Seven Cities" To Be Seen on Nationwide TV

"Seven Cities," a documentary based on the New Testament book of Revelation, will be shown nationwide for the second time over the ABC television network Sunday, March 9. (The program is scheduled for network release at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Check ABC affiliated station logs for local play time).

"Seven Cities" explores the sites of the early Christian churches to which the Apostle John addressed the message now known as Revelation.

John, exiled on the Island of Patmos in the Mediterranean, was inspired to pen the book as a message of hope to the churches of Asia Minor, then under severe persecution at the hands of the Roman Emperor Domitian.



REA Speaker

JIMMIE SHEFFIELD, consultant in Church Recreation Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead four conferences for church staff secretaries at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association to be held at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi Feb. 20-22. All religious education workers in the state are urged to attend, according to Paul Harrell, president.

The purpose of the program, according to Mr. Townsend, is to develop better Christians, teach correct thinking, develop the habit of belief in God, create desire to serve, to know God's will for one's life, and to enjoy the abundant Christian life.

Mr. Townsend added that the area of development would be found in the following, among others:

"Christian responsibility to God, others and self, time organization and making decisions, the art of leadership and motivation, emotional control, self-discipline and self-confidence, memory, voice and personality," and others.

The actual program is in 16 lessons, Mr. Townsend pointed out, and is available in booklet form, records and magnetic recording tape.

The chapter titles are as follows: "The Spiritual Foundation, Holy Faith, How To Anchor Your Faith in God, Principles to Correct Thinking, Successful Christian Living the Easy Way, The Positive Approach, Thoughts to Think About, The Stewardship of Money, Motivating Christians to Witness."

Mr. Townsend said that the Foundation is already in operation and that the program is being used by individuals and families, churches and church staffs and business organizations.

Many have already given their testimonies as to the effectiveness of this program. Several of these follow:

Dr. Wayne Dehoney, past president, Southern Baptist Convention: "This is a great program and has great potential."

Mrs. Gerald Riddell, missionary in Chile: "Your records have been a great help to me and especially the 'Key words.' Already I find myself remembering, correcting, and succeeding. I am truly excited about this better approach."

Rev. John Alexander, director, Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board: "I am delighted to recommend both my friend and his new 'Christian Development Program.'"

For further information regarding the program, its costs, operation, contact Townsend Foundation, Inc., Highway 40, Florence, Mississippi, 39202.



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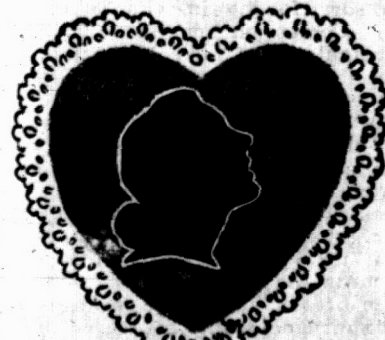


Faith And Duty
LET us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Greeley On Lincoln
Horace Greeley wrote this about Abraham Lincoln:
"He slowly won his way to eminence and fame by doing the work that lay next to him—doing it with all his growing might—doing it as well as he could, and learning by his failure, when failure was encountered, how to do it better."

"I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.—Abraham Lincoln

Truth crushed to earth will rise again; but a lie will do the same thing.



Love
... beareth all things, beareth all things, hopeeth all things, endureth all things. (1 Cor. 13:7)

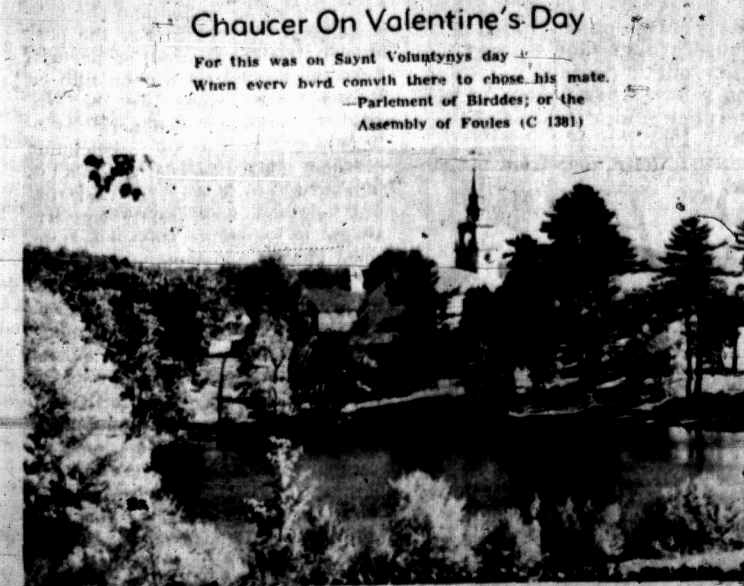
THE VALENTINE TRADE
The earliest American valentines were handmade, often simply written sentiments or verses on gilt-edged note paper. Others were of paper cutwork, some of quite elaborate design.

EARLIEST
The earliest known valentine, dated 1416, is preserved in the British Museum. It is a message written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, while he was held prisoner in the Tower of London.

Out In The Fields
The little crows that fretted me,
I shot them yesterday.
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees,
The foolish fears of what might pass
(I cast them all away)
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay,
Among the hushing of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good are born
Out in the fields with God.
—Author unknown
Bulletin, FBC, Natchez

Winter Mishaps

NEW YORK (NAPS)—"It's not the car, it's the driver that causes winter skids and traffic tie-ups," says Ross G. Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Safe Winter Driving League. "While we all like to blame the car, 'I skidded' or 'I couldn't see' is seldom a justifiable excuse."
Conceding that there are occasional mishaps when the driver is blameless, Wilson contends that in the vast majority of winter accidents, the driver is at fault, either in neglecting to keep his car in proper mechanical condition or in failing to practice safe driving techniques.
Unfortunately, many drivers fail to recognize that winter creates added hazards in driving—caused by inadequate traction and reduced visibility," Wilson says. "When these are combined with normal, everyday driving risks, the driver needs all the help he can get from his equipment. And, most of all, he needs to recognize the degree of these added hazards, and to compensate for them by reducing his speed, by following at a greater distance, and by performing all driving maneuvers—braking, accelerating and steering—with a gentle touch."—Published by request of Pilot Club of Jackson.



Love Is Like A Gleaming Stream
Love is like a gleaming stream, that flows from stone to stone; love is like a happy dream, that lasts from dawn to dawn.—Author unknown.



REV. ROBERT M. GARSEE, the new pastor at First Church, Rosedale, and his family are pictured.

Rosedale Dedicates Pastorium

Rev. Robert M. Garsee recently accepted the pastorate of First Church, Rosedale, and moved there from Shreveport, La. Sunday afternoon, January 12, the new pastorium at Rosedale was dedicated, and Mr. Garsee and his family held open house.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Garsee and their children, Mike, Carol Ann, and Cindy received their guests in the entrance hall. Each guest was

then given a guided tour of the house by a member of the Mary and Martha Sunday School Class. Other members of the church assisted in welcoming all who came. The young girls of the church served punch in the dining room.

With the group assembled in the living room, the Prayer of Dedication was given by Rex Burrow, a deacon of First Church.

Guests included members of churches of Rosedale, Pace, and Gunnison.

Noonkester Gives 'State Of The College' Address

The Board of Trustees of William Carey College met in regular session on January 30. It was a unique meeting in that the first part was held on the stage of Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium in the presence of the entire student body and faculty. The occasion was the regular Thursday morning chapel hour and president J. Ralph Noonkester gave his "state-of-the-college" address to the entire group.

Clarke Trustees Elect Officers

Rev. James P. Fancher, pastor of First Church of Aberdeen, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Clarke College in a recent meeting of the Board on the college campus at Newton. Dr. James E. Booth, physician and surgeon of Eupora, was elected vice-chairman and Dr. R. J. Reynolds, dentist of Newton, was re-elected secretary.

Four new trustees who were elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November were welcomed to membership at their first meeting with the Board. They are W. W. Brunson, Insurance and Investments, Tupelo; W. H. Gallaspy, Grocer of Greenwood; J. Kearney Dossett, Attorney of Jackson, and James E. Smith, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridenhall.

Other trustees attending the regular January meeting were Earl Cockrell, Produce Dealer of Tupelo; C. D. Shields, Attorney of Meridian; Horace Headrick and Reuben Lott, both furniture dealers of Laurel; Leonard B. Melvin, Jr. Laurel Attorney, and Elliott McMullan, Merchant and Mayor of Newton. Two trustees unable to attend the meeting are Fred Moore, Poultry Dealer, Morton, and George Van Egmond, Minister of Music and Education, First Church, New Albany. President W. L. Compere gave the

beginning of the second semester. Twenty five new students have registered bringing the total for the session to 300. Dr. Compere also informed the Board of several substantial gifts and bequests which provide additional support for the college's work.

Dr. Noonkester reported that the Department of Education building

will be renovated during the summer and ready for use by the fall. He also announced that the construction of Green Science addition will begin immediately.

Of special significance was the announcement that Gregory Walcott, of Hollywood, California, will be the featured guest during Religious Emphasis Week, February 24 to 28. Mr. Walcott, a noted film star and producer, has the leading role in "Bill Wallace of China."

Dr. Noonkester gave a report concerning alumni activities. During the

1968 session more alumni have become actively involved in the Alumni Association than ever before. Two chapters were organized during the year, and five more are anticipated for 1969.

The recruitment picture for William Carey College was discussed by Dr. Noonkester. He announced that all indications point to a larger second semester enrollment than for the previous year.

Financial aid for students for the coming year will be available in larger amounts to more students.



TRUSTEES of William Carey College met in regular session on the campus January 30. Those in attendance, standing left to right: Dr. C. M. Wells, Rev. Frank Gunn, Rev. Van H. Hardin, Dr. Earl Green, J. D. Sims (Carey business manager), Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, Dr. James

T. Thompson, Wiley Fairchild, Dr. John Barnes, and Claude Wilkes. Seated, left to right: Dr. Joe Ernest (Carey academic vice president), Dr. Glenn Pearson, Bruce Aultman (president of the trustees), and Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college.

Elected Sunday School Board Recommends New Periodicals

NASHVILLE (BP)—Two new magazines, one for use by pastors in sermon preparation and one for student workers, have been proposed for those special groups in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The members of the elected Sunday School Board, in its annual meeting here, voted to recommend the two new publications to the program committee of the SBC Executive Committee, which must approve new SBC publications.

The board recommended the two quarterly magazines for release in 1970.

"Proclaim," a 32-page magazine,

would be edited by the board's church administration department. The publication would provide resource materials to assist pastors in sermon preparation. Subjects suggested and resources offered would be related properly to curriculum emphases.

Content would also include helps for developing sermons concerning specific biblical texts, doctrinal themes, special events of the denominational or Christian calendar and pastoral care topics.

A 36-page magazine designed to provide program and administrative resources for the campus program of student work, "Collage" will furnish

information about student life and current events. The magazine would go to state and local directors of student work, Baptist Student Union executive council members, church staff members and church leaders

who minister to students.

It would replace "Key News", currently circulated to a smaller audience.

The board also approved new curriculum periodical items for 1970.

Norwegian Missionaries Visit Congo President

A missionary husband and wife from the Baptist Union of Norway had an appointment with President Joseph D. Mobutu at Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Holte presented the Congolese president with

a model Viking ship made in Skien, Norway. President Mobutu praised them for their courage, working in the heart of the country.

After the conference with Mobutu, an official gave Baptist mission work a donation of \$4,000 from the Congo government.

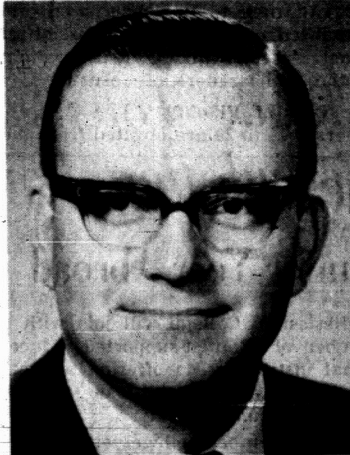
MUSIC

MUSIC CONSULTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN REA CONFERENCE AT BUENA VISTA HOTEL, BILOXI, FEBRUARY 20-22

Ray Conner, Supervisor, Music Promotion Section, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will participate on the program of the Religious Education Association, Buena Vista Hotel, Biloxi, February 20-22, 1969.

On Friday morning, February 21, Mr. Conner will discuss the subject, "Ministering Through Church Music during the 70's." He will also participate in dialogue with leaders representing other organizations. The conference begins on Friday at 1:00 P.M., February 20.

Church music leaders will benefit from this meeting; particularly those interested in the new age-grading, literature, programs, etc. for the 70's.



Ray Conner
Music Consultant
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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Women who lead in missionary education; women who serve as counselors and directors of youth organizations, and for pastors of churches. These conferences will be held on schedule as placed and dated:

Place	March
Gulfport	3
Hattiesburg	4
Meridian	5
Starkville	6
Tupelo	7
Jackson	9
Holly Springs	10
Mound Bayou	11
Sophia Sutton	12
Kosciusko	13
Laurel	14

ITS WORK ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES:

Believing that tomorrow's leaders are now on college campuses, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary has effected Baptist Student Work at all senior and junior colleges. This year the National Baptist Student Retreat will meet at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly. Baptist students from all sections of the United States will be there. What a great opportunity for Mississippi Baptists to magnify Christ to the Baptist students of the Nation!

ITS VAST OPPORTUNITY:

There are few Negro evangelists in the United States. When some of the better educated young Negro men wanted to go into the ministry and prepare themselves educationally to preach the Gospel only the liberal, Neo-Orthodox and radical theological schools opened their doors to them. As a result, the majority of the eloquent, fluent, well-educated, well-trained Negro church leaders were educated in liberal schools. But the majority of ministers were uneducated. Still a tragic fact.

Twenty-five years ago, according to Dr. Herbert Lang, founder of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, less than 2% of the Negro pastors in Mississippi were college and seminary trained. He also found that most of the preachers were not able "to go away to school." This is still true. The Mississippi Baptist Seminary was organized to offer Bible-centered theological education to Mississippi Christian Negro leaders who had dedicated themselves to reaching other Negroes for Jesus Christ. From the beginning, the Seminary has labored to bring Negroes of evangelical persuasion into a common bond of fellowship by seeking ways and means of effectively communicating the Gospel to the Negro community across Mississippi, and to plant New Testament churches in those areas.

How well the Seminary has met this opportunity and challenge is reflected in the evangelical leadership of a large number of pastors in Mississippi and "scattered abroad," who are graduates of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and the fact that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention turned to the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for a team of Negro preachers to participate in the Crusade of the Americas in Brazil in September 1967. Leaders of Brazilian Baptists reported 3,300 professions of faith as one result of this special effort. The pastors who went to Brazil were Mississippi Baptist Seminary men. These men have been invited by Brazilian Baptists to return to Brazil for another evangelistic crusade. While in Brazil some of these preachers made tapes for the Voice of America which said, "This is the Mississippi Baptist Seminary declaring to the world that Jesus Christ, the Lord, is our only Hope." The World has heard of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Through the Committee of Concern Mississippi Baptist Seminary is known to some Christian leaders in 50 of the United States and 21 foreign countries. Mississippi Baptist Seminary is an image of Christ-likeness at home and abroad.

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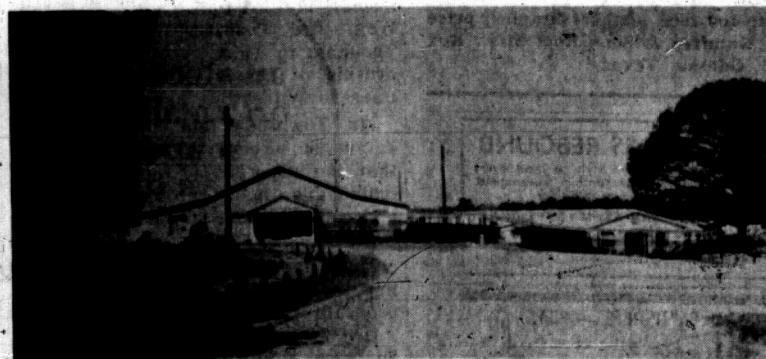
Mississippi Baptist Seminary was founded on 2 Corinthians 4:5-10. "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; . . . Always bearing in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."

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Sacrifice has kept Mississippi Baptist Seminary centers open. Countless pastors have taught without financial compensation. Others have paid their own travel expense. Some Negro Christians have emptied their savings accounts. Others have borrowed against future earnings to make a donation to the Seminary. Some have sold their cars and donated the proceeds. Still others have donated a week's salary—a few have given a month's wages. A noble Negro layman worked four years for little or no compensation. The story of the first 25 years of the Seminary is a story of sacrifice and hope. Countless Christian men and women sacrificed to keep the Seminary alive and hoped for a better future. A Negro Baptist deacon in Jefferson Davis County gave the first \$100 to the Seminary. He challenged others to follow him. From all sections of Mississippi, Negro Christians sent their gifts "to get the Seminary on wheels rolling" and "to keep it rolling." Negro Baptists contribute liberally to the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

Jesus Commissions Workers

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 6:7-56

If one reads the Gospel of Mark sympathetically, he is caught up by the sense of urgency in the ministry of Jesus. He sent the twelve disciples out on a mission of preaching and healing, a mission designed to test their training, give them experience, and carry forward his work of making known the gospel of the kingdom. Mark records at this point the martyrdom of John the Baptist, whom Herod beheaded at the request of Herodias. Withdrawing to the east of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus fed the five thousand and then returned to Galilee, where he was quickly involved in deeds of healing.

The Lesson Explained
The Mission of the Twelve
(vv. 7-13)

Jesus now sent out the disciples on a special mission. They were to go two by two, for mutual reinforcement. He gave them authority over unclean spirits, which would be a confirmation of their relationship to him. They were to "travel light," taking no provisions or extra clothes or money. Thus they were to depend on the hospitality of those they served. If persons refused to receive them, they were to shake the dust from their feet as a gesture that no relationship existed between them. They were to declare the truth of the kingdom of God and call men to turn from evil and acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah of Israel. All this would identify them as the ambassadors of Jesus.

The Cost of Fidelity
Verses 14 to 29 are omitted from the

MC, Others, Offer Junior Year Abroad

Mississippi College will join with a number of Baptist-supported educational institutions in offering an academic year abroad for junior students it was announced today.

The 38-member colleges and universities of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools will inaugurate the program next fall. Under the program, junior students will spend one academic year the University of Vienna in Austria in a foreign study program organized by the Institute of European Studies in Chicago.

The new program will feature a core curriculum, taught chiefly in English, that has been organized by the University and the Institute of European Studies. The satisfaction of academic objectives in history, political science, economics, art history, and philosophy will be emphasized, along with continuing development of skill in the German language.

Orientation, intensive language training, room, most meals, field study trips, and a Christmas ski holiday will be included in the cost of the program. Grades, recorded in the American A through F system, will be sent to the student's home college or university on transcripts.

This will be the second foreign study program offered at Mississippi College. For a number of years the college has been participating in an exchange program with the University of Mainz in Germany. Under this set up, Mississippi College sends one of its students for a year of study at the German university, while a German student spends a year of residency at Mississippi College.

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printed lesson text, but they call for consideration. Herod Antipas learned of Jesus' mighty works, perhaps also of what the disciples were doing. His restless, guilty conscience made him think of John the Baptist — whom he had beheaded — and even wonder if Jesus were John the Baptist risen from the dead. John had openly condemned Herod's adulterous marriage with Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. Herodias determined to get revenge. She cunningly took advantage of Herod in connection with a birthday banquet, using her daughter to exploit Herod's pleasure in her dancing and to ask before the reveling guests for the head of John the Baptist. For John the Baptist, the cost of fidelity was martyrdom.

The Discipline of Rest
(vv. 30-34)

Jesus now withdrew with his disciples to the east side of the Sea of Galilee. Crowds so pressed on Jesus and the disciples that they found it difficult to find time to eat. Also, they needed them for reflection and instruction that would further equip the disciples to carry on the work of Jesus after his death and resurrection. He saw the people "as sheep not having a shepherd."

The remaining part of this chapter of the Gospel tells of the feeding of the five thousand, of the crisis for Jesus in the response of the crowds who wanted to make him king (Mark hints at this by saying that he dismissed the crowds and went into the hills to pray), of Jesus walking on the sea to the disciples encountering difficulty from the wind, and of the bringing of many sick persons to Jesus to be healed. The needs of sick and confused and sorrowing persons cried out for relief. The heart of Jesus responded by sharing his love and his strength.

Truths to Live By

Christians grow through service. In such an experience Christians find their best means of growth. They need to get out into the field of human need: go from house to house, after the pattern of Paul, to tell lost people about Jesus Christ; go among the poor and the sick in a ministry of love with resources of help; help a group of teenagers find something to do that will challenge their initiative and give them a sense of worthwhile achievement; work with some group to bring the impact of moral conscience to bear on social or political problems in a community; or help some youth club to tackle a crisis situation in a school or neighborhood.

Repentance is to be central in the Christian witness. If this is left out, a central truth of the gospel is left out. A Christian's credentials come from Christ. — Christians are not to wait for invitations and ideal conditions and certain hospitality. They are to go and declare that the kingdom of God is at hand, that Christ is the Saviour of the world, that the wages of sin is death, that God requires men to do justly and to love mercy, and to declare that every person is of infinite worth in God's sight regardless of race or class. Skill and tact and experience are of utmost value for the Christian's witness and work. But the credentials which matter most are a Christlike spirit of compassion and sincerity, a sense of conviction that one is under orders from Christ himself, and trust in the help of the Holy Spirit.

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM
Christ's Commission And The Church

2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2
By Bill Duncan

A few weeks ago I heard Dr. C. E. Autrey tell how that when he was pastor of a county seat town he would go up on the courthouse square and preach on Saturday afternoon. The people would gather around, and he would preach the gospel. A number of the ladies got real concerned because they thought their pastor was ruining their church. Why, all kinds of people were joining on Sunday. These ladies could not stand to see their pastor out preaching in public. Most likely these ladies did not understand what the mission of the church was all about.

The church is not designed to just aid the members. Jesus left the church on earth to seek and save the lost. Until the church gets out of the church, then the world will not have a complete ministry. The church must present the gospel to the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and with the methods of the early New Testament disciples. Christ is depending upon his Church to carry out the ministry of reconciliation through the fellowship of its individuals.

The Motive of Witnessing

The compelling motive of the individual Christian is "the love of Christ constraineth us." It was that Christ loved us with such a selfless love. He only wants to help and serve others. Therefore our motive is His motive. Many times people thought that Paul was crazy because of his senseless conduct. This accounts for his being beside himself with enthusiasm.

This motive "constraineth us" says Paul. This motive with irresistible power limits us to the one great ob-

ject to the exclusion of other considerations. At the time of conversion the matter was settled as to the fact that love would be the one desire.

The Christian's relationship to the world or mankind has changed with the commission to witness. Now "we know no man after the flesh" that is according to mere worldly and external relations. Just as Paul knows Christ different than before, now we have a different motive in our relationship to mankind.

The Object of Witnessing

The object of our witness is that the unsaved may come to be "in Christ" a new creation. To be "in Christ" means the person is committed to him and united to him by faith as the branch is in the vine. The phrase "in Christ" is a favorite of Paul synonymous with Christian. In Philippians he reminds the reader "that their own experience in Christ must be the controlling and directing factor in all their treatment of one another." Therefore when a person is in Christ the old self of the Christian died in that death, and he arose a new man, as new as if he had been freshly created by the hand of God. "Now" refers to a new nature quite different from anything previously existing. A person in Christ becomes a new creation.

The desire of God is that all men might be reconciled unto him. When a man is "in Christ" he is restored to God's place of favor by satisfying the claims of justice against us. Jesus paid the claims of justice in His death. Men must be led to accept the work of Jesus for their means of reconciliation in our witness.

The Role of Witnessing

Paul says the role of the Christian witness is that of an ambassador on the behalf of Christ to give the invitation to be reconciled to God. The individual who witnesses in the church and out of the church brings "to men the offer and conditions of God

Thursday, February 13, 1969

BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 7



Immanuel Pastor Holds Open House

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Dukes held open house on a recent Sunday afternoon in the newly purchased parsonage of Immanuel Church, Greenwood. The ladies of the church presented the pastor and wife a reclining chair, and other lovely gifts. Mr. Dukes, who moved on the field in December, is the first full-time pastor of the Immanuel Church. The congregation is temporarily meeting in the Greenwood Youth Center. Construction of the first unit of the church, to be located in Lakeview Garden Subdivision, should be underway by March 1.

whereby men can become citizens of the Kingdom of God and members of His family." The ambassador does not speak for himself but for the person who sends him. As the ambassador goes, he carries with him the honor of his Lord and his Lord is judged by him. It is also interesting that most ambassadors live in a foreign country. The Christian is in a different world when he is in Christ. He is in the world but not of the world. The man who is not willing to be different cannot be a Christian at all. Therefore our role as witnesses for Christ has great responsibility and privilege.

The Time of Witnessing

It would appear that Paul was trying to convince the Corinth church that people could be saved at that time in history. People needed to be saved at that time, and people need to be saved at this time. God's promise of salvation is the ground for witnessing. The prophet said that it was an accepted time for salvation. Now after Christ's death it has become a well accepted time for salvation in the fulfillment of that promise.

When should a person witness? Now is the time for the church to give a clear witness that God wants to reconcile the unsaved to him. If they will become "in Christ" and accept the death of Christ as their claim for justice toward God.

French Pianist To Play At BMC

On Friday, February 21, at 8 p. m. in Garrett Auditorium of Blue Mountain College, Edmund Rosenfeld, French pianist, will play a concert. The Blue Mountain concert will be played as a part of the artists' tour, made under the auspices of the Association of American Colleges' Arts Program.

Mr. Rosenfeld is a native of Paris, France. Since he was reared in an atmosphere of Polish tradition and Polish folk music, he gained an early understanding of an admiration for the works of Chopin.

He started his studies with the remarkable Italian teacher, Pierino Lunghi, and gave his first recital at the age of ten. He continued his piano study at Paris conservatory.

In 1960 Mr. Rosenfeld participated in the International Chopin Competitions organized by the Jeunesses Musicales in Spain, and won a distinguished prize. He then undertook a tour of Israel and gave a series of concerts throughout Spain before engaging in his military service in Algeria.

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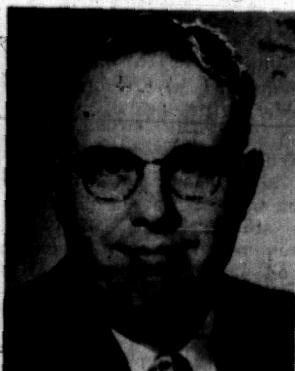
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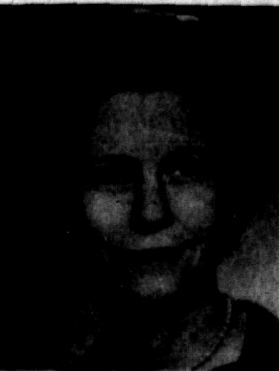
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Names In The News

Darold Morgan, pastor of Dallas Cliff Temple Baptist Church, was elected President of the Southern Baptist Annulity Board during the 51st annual meeting in Dallas January 29. Morgan succeeds E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston. (BP)



Buddy Beam, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Beam of 2127 Napoleon Avenue, Jackson, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by his home church, Grandview. Buddy is a sophomore at Mississippi College. His father is pastor of Grandview Church.



Reid Moore has accepted a call as minister of music at McLean Church, Memphis, Tennessee. For seventeen years Mr. Moore was minister of music at First Church, Jackson. His musical beginnings were in Memphis where he directed the music for St. Luke's Methodist Church and Calvary Methodist Church before he became a Baptist. For one year after his decision to go into the Baptist church, he led the music at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, prior to his call to the Jackson church. He is married to the former Bessie Strong of Memphis. Mr. Moore is a tenor and well known in Memphis' music circles.

Rev. Harold Scott has joined the staff of Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, as associate pastor in charge of the educational program, going from Byhalia Church where he was pastor for seven years. Rev. and Mrs. Scott have three children: Beth, a senior in high school, Harold, Jr., and Leslie, both in junior high school. Mr. Scott is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He goes to his present position, having served 15 years in the pastorate.

Rev. Tommy Tackett was recently called as pastor by First Cedar Creek Church, Bardonia, Kentucky. Tackett, a native of Jackson, and a recent graduate of Mississippi College, is attending Southern Seminary. He and his family have already moved to their new church field. He will continue his studies at the seminary, commuting daily to Louisville. The Tacketts are former members of the Midway Church in Jackson where he was licensed and ordained. He formerly served as pastor of Lula Church, Madison County.

Rev. Mack E. Douglas, pastor of First Church, Pompano Beach, Florida since December 1, 1962, has resigned in order to accept a call to the Riverside Church, Miami, Florida, effective February 15. Under his leadership the church has grown from 1596 to 2528 members, with 827 baptisms and total additions of 1793. The Sunday School has grown from an enrollment of 959 to 2186. Total gifts to the church have increased from \$114,893 to \$291,257. Three missions have been sponsored during this period of time. Mr. Douglas will continue to remain associated with Baptist Village, a denomination-owned retirement center in Pompano Beach.

H. H. Daws, Sr., associate chairman of deacons in First Church, Booneville, has been notified by the Board of Directors of Kay, Sons and Daughter, limited, of London, England, that he has been selected for listing in Volume One of The Two Thousand Men of Achievement, 1969, a publication to be distributed worldwide. Mr. Daws is chairman of the department of natural science, and instructor in physics and chemistry at Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville. The Kemper County native has previously been listed from one to three times in Leaders in American Science, Presidents and Deans of American Colleges and Universities, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Dictionary of International Biography, Royal Blue Book, and Community Leaders of America. Very active in community and church affairs, he at present teaches a class of adults in the Crestwood Mission sponsored by his church. Both his son and daughter, Harry at Mississippi State U., and Willard Bertyce, at NEMJC, were selected for listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, during their

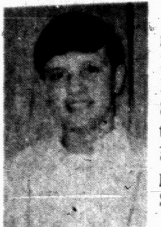


sophomore years at Northeast. Mr. Daws, the former Bertyce Montgomery of Belmont, teaches English in Booneville High School.

Noel Bingham, member of New Prospect Church, Route 1, Iuka, has not missed daily Bible reading in ten years. His pastor at New Prospect is Rev. Stanley Magill.



Danny Alderage, member of New Prospect Church, Route 1, Iuka, (Rev. Stanley Magill, pastor) recently received a five-year pin for perfect attendance at Sunday school.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Mark Moore of 230 Bonnafield Drive, Hermitage, Tenn., formerly of Mississippi, have a new daughter, Melanie Ann, 7 lb., 2 oz., born at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, on January 31. Mr. Moore is editor, children's section, Sunday school department, Baptist Sunday School Board, in Nashville.

Six students from Clarke College have been named to the 1968-1969 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES, according to an announcement by Dr. W. L. Compere, President. Those selected for this national directory are: Mrs. Patricia E. (Sharon) Callahan, of Grafton, Illinois; Wayne Carter of Birmingham, Alabama; Sue Jones of Andalusia, Alabama; Bonita Lewis of Florence; Judith Ann Lewis of Morton, and Patricia McDill of Union.

Rev. Jerald Welch, native of Greenwood, has accepted the call to Bethany Church of Sunflower Association as pastor. He moved from the Sauls Valley Church, Lawrence Association, the 20th of January. "There was a big crowd of people here to help unload, and they also brought many and varied items for the kitchen, such as pickles, beans, etc.," says Mr. Welch.



Brotherhood President Cooks Breakfast For 21 Greenwood Men

Baptist Men's Day at Immanuel Church, Greenwood, on Sunday, January 26, began with a prayer breakfast; Thurmon Tucker, Brotherhood president, cooked breakfast for the 21 men attending.

Laymen who spoke at the morning worship service, on the theme, "My Dreams for My Church," were: Thurmon Tucker, "Spotlight on Brotherhood"; B. E. McCullough, Jr., "Progress of RA's"; John R. Watson, "My Dream for Physical Growth"; Tom Ed Guest, "My Dream for my Local Ministry"; and Lloyd Jones, "My Dream for World Outreach."

John Owen Watson directed the choir of all male voices. Others on program were Shannon Clark, Billy McBride, and Rev. Jimmy Dukes, pastor. The latter presented special music.

There were two additions to the church at the close of this service.

BELLE FOUNTAIN CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Claude H. Stone, Jr., Gulfport, has been called as pastor of Bell Fountain Church, Ocean Springs, Jackson County.

Mr. Stone received his B. A. degree from William Carey College and attended New Orleans Seminary. He has pastored churches in Mississippi and Indiana. He is married to the former Myrtis Anderson of Magee, and they have 5 children: Lynn, Kevin, Chuck, Mark, and Brian.

He and family moved to the church field January 3. The church had just refurnished the parsonage and stocked the shelves with food for the new pastor.



Rev. Claude Stone



Rev. and Mrs. Allen Tyner

COUPLE JOIN STAFF AT FIRST, TUPELO

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Tyner have joined the staff of First Church, Tupelo, he as the minister of music and education and she as church secretary, according to Dr. Samuel Shepard, pastor.

Mr. Tyner, native of Indianola, and graduate of Mississippi College, attended New Orleans Seminary. He has served as minister of music and youth at Hollandale Church, Jackson, and minister of music and youth of Chalmette Church, New Orleans. He served while in college for one summer as minister of youth at First, Tupelo.

Mrs. Tyner is the former Brenda Kilgore of Indianola.

March Radio Topics

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs of First Church, Oklahoma City, preacher on "The Baptist Hour," will continue his series on the Crusade of the Americas theme, "Christ, the Only Hope," in his radio sermons during March.

His topics will be: March 2—"The Dogmatism of God"—Acts 4:12; March 9—"Chaos or Cosmos?"—Mark 5:15; March 16—"The Fateful Choice"—Luke 23:18; March 23—"Were You There?"—John 19:19f; March 30—"Triumph in Tragedy"—John 19:30.

Hebron Church Enters Development Program

Hebron Church, Panola County, has voted to begin a year of Church Development, Rev. J. A. Jeffreys, pastor, has announced. During the year the church will be evaluating, planning, and conducting special projects to improve and expand its organization and ministry.

The church designated-elected a development planning group to lead it in the year of development. The group is composed of Rev. J. A. Jeffreys, Mace Appleton, Jones Barnett, Gary Dixon, Ray Legge, Mrs. L. L. Durham, and Rudy Stacy.

Church Development is promoted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Devotional

LOVE'S DIRECTIVE

By Bill Nimmons, Director of Education
First, Starkville
John 21:15-19

"Love" is one word that is used for a variety of emotions and attitudes. Sometimes you and I feel that it is the one word that needs to be taken to the cleaners, or at least some clinic where it can be rehabilitated!

What is Christian love? How do we express Christian love? At the last supper Simon Peter thought he knew what love was and boasted that even though all the other disciples forsook Jesus, he would never. Then came the agonizing experience of denial, followed by the emotion-filled drama of Peter's painful, but very rich experience, in learning the true meaning of Christian love.

His first lesson in the meaning of love was that of forgiveness, for when Jesus said: "Feed my sheep," this meant that his forgiveness was complete, that he was not only forgiven but trusted, and that out of his sin and fall and repentance and restoration new power and new grace would come to him. The very center of Christian love is forgiveness.

Another lesson Peter learned was that Christ's love for him was not dependent upon his being perfect. Jesus wanted him just like he was, an uncouth, sinful creature, capable of lying, and even betraying Him. Jesus would take Peter and patiently work with him until he became a better disciple. If perfection comes at all, it is the end result of His efforts, what His patience and love finally bring out in us. This is our hope, that God takes us where we are, mixed creatures, though we may be, and patiently and slowly moves us forward.

When Peter had experienced God's love his first impulse was to assume the responsibility that love demanded. Love is the greatest privilege in the world, but love brings the greatest responsibility in the world. Love brought Peter a task and love brought Peter a cross. Love always involves responsibility, and sacrifice. We do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and to take up His cross.

As we approach the Crusade of the Americas, may we say with Peter, "Yes, Lord: you know that I love you," and accept the challenge love demands.



First, Batesville, Breaks Ground For New House

BREAKING GROUND on the site of the new residence for a minister of education at First Church, Batesville are shown contractors and members of the Building Committee with other church officers. Left to right are: Leslie Seallorn, church clerk; William Burnett, contractor; Rev. J. R. Davis, pastor; Joe Hartley, member of the Building Committee; Thomas Burnett, contractor; Dave McMahan, chairman of the Building Committee; and Morris Smith, chairman of deacons. This will be the second new residence built by the church for a staff member in four years. With the addition of the minister of education, to be added in the very near future, the church will have a full staff.



First, Grenada, Is Seventh In Per Capita Giving

The First Baptist Church of Grenada, number seven in the state in per capita gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68, is now in its 131st year of its ministry. Strong in missionary interest throughout its history, this church made giant strides in the area of stewardship and missions during the ten-year tenure of Dr. John Landrum as pastor. A steady growth in Cooperative Program support has been realized under the leadership of the present pastor, Rev. Bob Leavell, for the past five years.

In addition to this continuing emphasis from the pulpit, the activities of a well-organized library, a fully organized and functioning W.M.U. for many years, and a rapidly developing Baptist men's organization have kept the accent on missionary support.

The present budget provides for 32.3% of undesignated funds to go through the Cooperative Program.

Mantee Pastor Speaks In Trinidad Crusade

On Feb. 3, Rev. Larry Kennedy, pastor of Mantee Church, left on a ten-day crusade to the island of Trinidad.



This crusade is one of many that will occur this year in conjunction with the Crusade of Americas. Mr. Kennedy went with 36 Baptist ministers from various areas of the United States. These men are speaking in the Baptist churches of Trinidad.

Mr. Kennedy moved to Mantee in June of 1967. He holds a degree in history from Louisiana College, and a master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. In September of 1967, he held similar meetings in South Africa. He has also traveled in Europe and the Middle East.

"These trips are made possible because of the missionary spirit of the Mantee Church. The people of Mantee have repeatedly shown their willingness to see that the Gospel is preached in all the world," states Mr. Kennedy.

God is better to the worst than the best deserve.—Thomas Browne

Ashland Custodian Dies At Church

On Feb. 3, a little past noon, L. E. McGill was found at the Ashland Church slumped over in one of the pews dead. One of the custodians of the church, he had gone there early to do some routine work. He was 82.

Forty years ago he moved into Ashland and joined the Baptist church. Since that time he had served in various capacities of the church—some of which were deacon, teacher of the Men's Bible class, and custodian.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Lowry McGill; two sons, Bill Gus McGill, Memphis, Tenn.; Russell McGill, Racine, Wis.; one daughter, Mrs. Sue Ellingsworth, Springfield, Mo.; five grandchildren; five sisters, and two brothers.

Services were held at the Ashland Church Feb. 5 with the pastor, Rev. Bill Burney, in charge, assisted by Rev. Harry Phillips.

Pearson Calls Pastor

Rev. Arnold L. Norsworthy has accepted the pastorate of Pearson Church, Pearl, Rankin County. He, his wife, Norma, and daughter, Janet, moved on the field January 1, from Valley View Church, Leeds, Alabama, where he served 6 years.

During his pastorate at Leeds, a three-story educational building, parsonage, additional parking area and air conditioning of all facilities were added. The new increase in membership was 225, one hundred by baptism.

Mr. Norsworthy was active in denominational work, serving on the Executive Committee of the Birmingham Baptist Association; the Board of Managers of the Cook Springs Baptist Camp, near Pell City, Alabama; and as President of the Leeds Ministerial Association.



Rev. A. L. Norsworthy



RECEIVES DOCTORATE — Daniel Harrell Holcomb of Petal, at left, accepts congratulations from Southern Seminary President Duke K. McCall after receiving the seminary's highest award, the doctor of theology. Holcomb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Holcomb of 304 Petal Drive, Petal.



Myers



Fortenberry



Butler



Hitt

FIVE MISSISSIPPIANS GRADUATE FROM SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Five Mississippians were among 97 students who received diplomas from Southern Seminary at commencement exercises on January 24.

Receiving the doctor of theology degree was Daniel Harrell Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Charles Holcomb of Petal. The subject of his

doctoral thesis is "The New Church History: The Quest of a Dialogic Approach in American Protestantism Since 1945." A 1954 graduate of Mississippi College, he also holds the master of arts degree from Mississippi Southern College, bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary, and the master of theology degree from Southern Seminary.

David Al Myers of Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Myers of Brandon, received the master of divinity degree.

Phil D. Fortenberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fortenberry of New Albany, received the bachelor of divinity degree.

Dennis Larry Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delton Butler, received the master of religious education degree. Mrs. Gwendolyn Keys Hitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton A. Keys, received the master of religious education degree.

Dr. Sterling L. Price, pastor of Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., delivered the commencement address.

Liberty Gives Tribute To Late Deacon Hoff

Liberty Church has adopted a resolution in tribute to the memory of H. S. Hoff, Sr., deacon of the church who died September 30, 1968.

Mr. Hoff had served faithfully as deacon since his ordination July 11, 1908. As the resolution stated, "He was faithful and loyal to the work of the church, always kind and loving to the family and friends, giving generously of his time and talent, in a spirit of Christian love and courtesy. He was a strong and useful church member."